



# CITY OF BRUNSWICK

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

### CALL TO ORDER

### PLEDGE

ROLL CALL—Johnson, Biser, Allgaier, Stull, Tome, Smith—all present

### MAYOR'S REMARKS

City working to make application for Stimulus Package grants due this week.

### CITIZENS' FORUM

No comments.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Special Election Date—June 2, 2009—Dave Dunn

Report attached. Due to Council Member Allgaier's resignation from the Council, a Special Election is required to fill his seat.

Motion to approve—Stull

2<sup>nd</sup>—Biser

Vote 6-0

### OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Main Extension Bid Opening

Ten bids received in all.

1. W. F. Delauter \$334,159.26
2. WF Wilson \$373,094.00
3. Fayetteville \$376,571.00
4. Richard Kline \$461,952.50
5. Darnell Wastler \$295,730.00
6. Woodman \$542,100.00
7. Francis O. Day \$519,250.00
8. Selzer Ex \$445,027.10

9. Mitchell \$561,260.00
10. JHG Contractors \$480,463.00

Knoxville Water Tap–256 Knoxville Road–Jim Castle  
Report attached. Staff recommends denying request.  
Motion to deny request–Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup>–Allgaier  
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#### Small Business Water & Sewer Rates Discussion

Mayor Jones discusses background of this issue. When rates were increased earlier this year, Council decided they would review the new rates if needed. Some small commercial accounts increased by as much as 100%. Non-profit entities are not being reviewed at this time...only small businesses with 1" or 1.5" meters. Currently looking at 11 small business accounts. Reports attached.

Biser–Questions why all of the businesses in the shopping center aren't on the same size meters?

Dunn–The shopping center was built many years ago, therefore, they were all “grandfathered” in.

Allgaier–Wonders why the non-profits were not considered?

Mayor–Organizations with 501(c)(3) status have other tax benefits that small businesses don't.

Smith–Points out that Council Members Smith and Stull worked with the Mayor and Dave Dunn on this issue.

Biser–This Council has a responsibility to balance these accounts someday and is concerned that City is going backward on this issue. Rate increases are difficult to discuss at all times. Wonders when Council will make this up to balance accounts?

Mayor–Some businesses had as much as a 120% increase. Doesn't know of any residents or other businesses who were affected that much.

Biser suggests discussing this issue further in a committee meeting.

Mary Torres–Manager of Wood Properties–Doesn't have as much of a problem with water rates, but rather in how these properties get billed as five individual units. Believes if one business were to occupy all five of these units, they wouldn't be billed as five separate entities, but they would be using the same water.

John Ballas, Barbershop Owner–Water bill increased dramatically and can't afford this to stay in business.

Bill Hopwood, Brunswick Self Storage--Questions what size meter would be needed for a new construction building sprinkler system?

David Swope, Trailside Outfitters--Also saw significant increase in water bill.

Final Acceptance--Jaynie's Way, Brunswick Self Storage--Jim Castle

Staff report attached. Staff recommends approval.

Motion--Smith

2<sup>nd</sup>--Allgaier

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Release of Financial Guarantee--Jaynie's Way, Brunswick Self Storage--Jim Castle

Staff report attached. Staff recommends approval.

Motion--Smith

2<sup>nd</sup>--Stull

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Final Acceptance--Water Line, Brunswick Self Storage--Jim Castle

Staff report attached. Staff recommends approval.

Motion--Stull

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Release of Financial Guarantee--Water Line, Brunswick Self Storage--Jim Castle

Staff report attached. Staff recommends approval.

Motion--Smith

2<sup>nd</sup>--Tome

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West End Park Land Purchase--Jim Castle

Staff report attached. Staff recommends purchasing two lots at \$50,000 each.

Motion--Smith

2<sup>nd</sup>--Allgaier

Vote 6-0

Approved By: Paul J. Jones 3/10/09  
Mayor Date

Witnessed By: David D. Dunn  
City Administrator Date 3/10/09